

HONGKONG STRIKE SITUATION.

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YESTERDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN DETAIL.

GENERAL STRIKE IN FULL SWING.

All that can be said of the Hongkong strike situation is that the worst phase is now regarded as having been reached. There is some satisfaction in this because it enables us to realise the full extent of the difficulties we are called upon to face and to make arrangements for "carrying on" as long as may be necessary. Of course, there are a few more men, including a number of office clerical staffs, who may yet leave their employment but, under present conditions, it will make little difference whether they go or remain. To all intents and purpose a general strike is now in full swing.

Yesterday the Kowloon buses were affected. Most of the lift boys went on strike and a fair number of fitters and mechanics decided to leave their employment in spite of the resolutions to the contrary passed by their guild last week.

We have to get along as best we can for the time being without the help of the Chinese. In the circumstances idlers and loafers are certainly not wanted in the Colony, and it is gratifying to know that the Government have at last taken steps to have them removed. The Police have been given power to deport anyone who is not in employment. A special regulation has also been passed by the Governor-in-Council giving magistrates authority to inflict summary punishments of imprisonment up to ten years and flogging, for any crime punishable under Section 4 of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900. These measures will be welcomed. The British community are prepared to face the emergency that has arisen, but while co-operating with the Government and maintaining essential services they are naturally anxious that nothing be left undone that might tend to lighten their burden. The great hope is that the Colony will be cleared of all strikers as soon as may be. That done, we can "wait upon events" with confidence, knowing full well that our resources and powers of endurance are infinitely greater than those of the Canton Government who, we feel certain, will very shortly rue the day upon which they decided to start the trouble. Yesterday's strike details are as under:—

KOWLOON BUSES.

A number of the Kowloon bus drivers and conductors absented themselves yesterday, and a limited number of buses only were running between Mongkok and the Star Ferry. The buses of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company were driven by Indian drivers. Some of the older employees of the other companies were at their work. Traffic Sergeant Hiallam was the driver of one bus.

By to-day it is probable that the Kowloon Motor Bus Company will maintain its regular service, since more Indian drivers and a number of European drivers will be engaged.

The Kowloon Residents' Association have asked for a special "big bus" service for the convenience of foreign residents. The three big buses owned by the Company will be used together with three other buses from the Hongkong Hotel. These will operate from the Star Ferry wharf to Argyle Street, Mongkok, and to the Kowloon Docks.

Yesterday also the drivers of a certain number of motor lorries went on strike.

SUGAR REFINERY.

A number of men left from the Sugar Refinery at Causeway Bay yesterday, including some fitters, blacksmiths and copper smiths.

On enquiry at the offices of Jardine, Matheson & Co., yesterday a *Daily Press* representative was informed that all the workers in other departments of the Refinery with the exception of one or two had remained, and these departments were running as usual.

DEPORTING NON-WORKERS.

It is gratifying to learn that the Government have now placed power in the hands of the Police to deport those who have no regular employment in the Colony.

The regulation concerning the matter was made by the Governor-in-Council on Sunday under Section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922. It is as follows:—

"The Captain Superintendent of Police and any Police officer authorised by him, either generally or specially, shall have power to arrest and detain any person who appears to him to have no regular employment in the Colony, and the Captain Superintendent of Police shall have power to order any such person to leave the Colony forthwith."

"Any person failing to comply with any such order may be deported by order of the Governor."

THE "PRESIDENT" BOATS.

The s.s. *President Jefferson* left Hongkong via Shanghai for Seattle last night. The crew, who are Hongkong Chinese, did not cease work. Measures, however, had been taken, to cope with such an emergency had it arisen. While the vessel was in Manila, 45 Filipinos were brought on board and three were standing by in the event of the Hongkong Chinese striking. The vessel had no cargo to discharge but took away from Hongkong three hundred tons.

The *President Garfield* which arrived from Shanghai yesterday morning, discharged 11,000 tons of cargo at the Kowloon wharves yesterday, there being plenty of stevedores and coolies to do the work. The vessel's crew was previously composed of Hongkong Chinese, but these men were discharged at Shanghai and were replaced by Shanghai Chinese. The vessel is due to leave for Manila this morning.

WORKERS WHO ARE WANTED.

The Labour Controller yesterday morning reported that there was plenty of labour available for most of the essential services, but that there was an urgent need for men who know anything about cattle or milking. Men are also wanted to drive lorries.

FOOD SUPPLIES.

The markets have been somewhat disorganised by street sales, but there is ample food to be obtained although the markets may appear to have a limited stock, it must be remembered that fish, pork and vegetables are being sold in the streets, and there is no shortage. The price of rice is steadily going down, which is a splendid factor in the food situation.

SANITARY WORK.

House refuse was collected over the week end by specially engaged labour. Lorries are being used, in many cases driven by European drivers. The scavenging work of the city has been maintained as usual, special dumps having been established. All the coolies employed by the Sanitary Department on the Hongkong side have left work, but in Kowloon only about 22 per cent have gone out as yet. Manholes have been opened for the reception of nightsoil.

EMERGENCY WORKERS' PAY.

The following notice with regard to revised rates of pay for coolie and other labour employed through the agency of the Police, has been issued by the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. T. H. King):—

On and after Sunday, July 5th, the following rates of pay will be paid to men who apply for and obtain work through the Police Stations. Workers must obtain their own food.

Heavy work, such as handling cargo—50 cents per day.
Light work, 30 cents per day.
Special rates will be arranged for skilled labour.

MORE REFUSALS OF DUTY.

Another instance of a section of a ship's crew refusing to do their duty on a vessel in the Harbour, was brought to notice at the Marine Court yesterday.

Before Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master), Ng Ting Man and Chu Shek Chi (quarter-masters) and Chu Lau, Chu Tik Ki and Chu Ping Fak (seamen) all members of the crew of the s.s. *Chin Hui*, were charged "that being seamen lawfully engaged on board the s.s. *Chin Hui* they unlawfully and wilfully disobeyed the lawful command of the Master of the vessel." Mr. Rees Lewis (Master of the *Chin Hui*) said that about 8.45 a.m. on Saturday, July 4th, the Chief Officer reported to him that some sailors and quarter-masters wanted to go ashore. At first witness gave them permission to go, but before they had time to leave he changed his mind and cancelled the permission. He called them all up on the Bridge deck and in the presence of the Chief Officer asked each man if he would return to work. Each man distinctly said "no". Witness warned each defendant of the consequences of their action and then hoisted the police flag and the men who had refused duty were taken ashore by the police. The five defendants had signed ship's articles, and were members of his crew.

Mr. C. B. J. Stringer (Chief Officer of the vessel) said that just before 9 a.m. on Saturday the boatswain told him that the five defendants wanted to leave the ship. Witness reported the matter to the Master, who called them up to the bridge-deck and read out the articles to them, explaining to defendants that they had signed for six months. Each man refused to return to his work when asked by the Master.

The first defendant, speaking on behalf of himself and his companions, said that on the afternoon of the 3rd instant they found they had no money for food. They consulted the boatswain and Chief Officer, who asked them to go off the ship of the ship and otherwise they would "stop" working. They were told they could go and then were told to come to the bridge-deck. The Master asked them if they were willing to work and they replied "Yes, provided we can get our food and some pay". Each defendant was fined two days pay and sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

INTIMIDATORS SENTENCED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, a Chinese youth who was charged with having endeavoured to frighten a "boy" at the Soldiers' Club out of his employment, was sentenced to one month's hard labour and twelve strokes with the birch. Defendant who was seventeen years of age assaulted the boy when he refused to leave.

Two other Chinese appeared before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy, yesterday charged with intimidation.

Mr. A. W. Miller, clerk of works, at Messrs. Leigh and Orange, said that he first noticed the two accused standing near Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s office building at Des Vaux Road at 8.30 on Friday morning, and saw them still there when he passed several times during the day. At 2.15 p.m. witness saw the two men approaching a Chinese who had just alighted from a tram-car near the Hongkong Hotel, and he got close enough to overhear what was being said, at the same time removing any suspicion by bending down and pretending to rub his foot.

Mr. Miller, who speaks Cantonese fluently, heard the first accused tell the passenger that he would be stabbed if he travelled in a tram-car again. The second accused then told the passenger: "You know us now; beware."

The accused denied the charge and one of them stated that he was waiting there to meet a man from the Kwong Sang Co. who had offered him work at an American Hotel run by Chinese. The other man said that he was there to meet a friend.

Each defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour, and in addition fined \$250, or in default to serve a further term of three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Two Chinese who are believed to be intimidators from Yau-mat were arrested by the police on the Peak on Sunday.

GENERAL NOTES.

It is announced in the *Government Gazette* that "Except under licence from the Colonial Secretary the export of coal is prohibited."

The majority of Chinese lift boys ceased work yesterday, and Boy Scouts and other volunteers took their places in many instances.

A large number of Chinese barbers shops closed down entirely yesterday morning, and the Japanese and Filipino shops report prosperous times.

It was learned yesterday that most of the mechanics employed at the Royal Naval Dockyard had ceased work. Many other establishments were similarly affected yesterday, including the A.P.C.

Motorists are warned to be extremely careful when driving around the Island at night for at various points numbers of tree trunks have been cut and laid by the roadside, barely giving room to pass. They have probably been cut down and left there by Chinese, who have been despoiling the plantations on the Island in search of firewood.

The special police reserve has been increased to over 500. Yesterday a very large number of volunteers for the force were enrolled and sworn in at the Central Police Station. Over 200 special constables are doing duty daily, such as patrol duty, etc.

The General Post Office was carrying on very satisfactorily yesterday, and work was kept well up to date. In addition to the male staff, lady workers are also assisting in the main office in place of the Chinese strikers.

It has been arranged that practically the whole of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps will carry out a demonstration march through the City this evening commencing at 6.30.

The servants at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. struck yesterday.

A Chinese paper states that about 100 passengers on an incoming steamer from Canton, were recently refused admittance and sent back because they could give no satisfactory reasons for coming to Hongkong.

The majority of Chinese boarding-houses have lost their staffs. The number of residents has also been lessened.

It is stated that during the week-end a number of blind Chinese singing in the streets were found to be singing intimidations.

Fresh vegetables and fruit are still coming down from Canton although it is rumoured that an "unofficial" embargo on the shipment of foodstuffs to Hongkong has been enforced in Canton.

The doors of the Seamen's Institute, Praya East, were closed yesterday, but on enquiry, a *Daily Press* representative was informed that they were closed simply because there was no coolie for duty at the entrance. Although a large number of the boys have left, the Institute is carrying on as usual.

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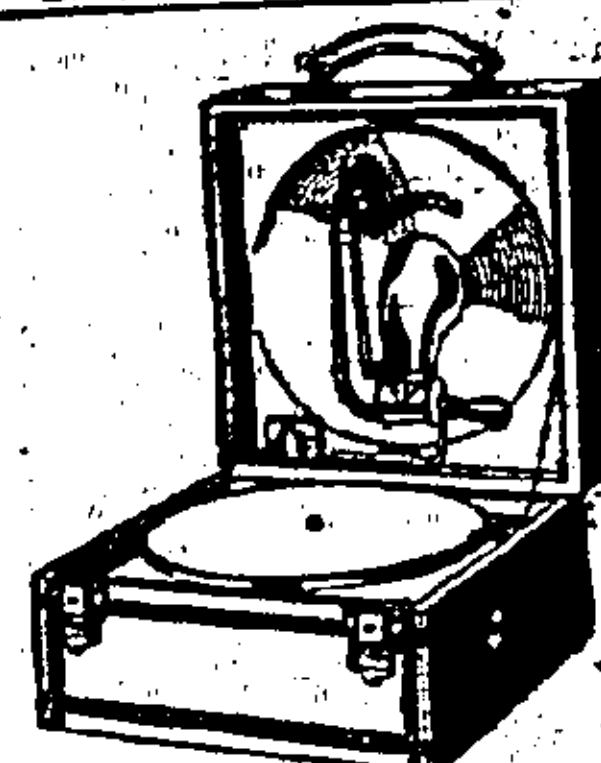


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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
[2391]

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 6th July, 1925. [2392]

NOTICE

MR. JULIUS RING, B.Sc., Architect.
Civil Engineer and Surveyor hereby gives Notice that the Practice which he has carried on at No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL has been taken over by Mr. A. W. GRAHAM-BROWN, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A. (Scott.), as from the 24th day of JUNE, 1925, and will be carried on by Mr. A. W. GRAHAM-BROWN at No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL for a period of One Month from the Date hereof and as from that Date at No. 12, PENNANT STREET, and all the Responsibility and Liability of Mr. Julius Ring ceases as from the said 24th day of JUNE, 1925.
J. RING,
A. W. GRAHAM-BROWN.
[2389]

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CONSIGNEES of CARGO from the United Kingdom and Continent are hereby informed that Cargo for Hongkong by S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE", which would otherwise have arrived here on the 11th JULY, is being Discharged at SHANGHAI, where it lies at the Risk and Expense of the Owners of the Goods.
JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 6th July, 1925. [2390]

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NOTICE

BUSINESS FIRMS WILL Greatly Assist the Disposal of REFUSE BY BURNING on their Premises as much Waste Paper as possible.
N. L. SMITH,
Head of the Sanitary Department.
4th July, 1925. [2388]

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE JUNE SETTLEMENT Has Been Further POSTPONED to the 14th Inst.
By Order of the Committee,
J. W. KEW,
Secretary.
[2383]

NOTICE

THE SHARE & REAL ESTATE BROKERS' SOCIETY OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the POSTPONED JUNE SETTLEMENT will take Place on TUESDAY, 14th JULY, 1925.
By Order of the Committee,
M. FERNANDEZ,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1925. [2385]

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the JUNE SETTLEMENT will be held on TUESDAY, the 14th day of JULY, 1925.
By Order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM,
Secretary,
Hongkong Stock Exchange.
[2386]

NOTICE

EXCEPT in regard to Existing Contracts all the Interest of GILBERT ALEXANDER HARRIMAN in our Firm CEASED as from the 30th JUNE, 1925, and the Firm will henceforth be carried on under the Style or Name of "HODGSON & HARRIMAN."
HODGSON & HARRIMAN.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1925. [2389]

PEAK KIDDIES ASSOCIATION.
A CINEMA PHOTOGRAPH SHOW will be held at the PEAK CLUB at 4.30, EVERY AFTERNOON until further Notice. Open to All Children wherever Resident. [2347]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of Mr. CHARLES ALEXANDER HODGSON CEASED as from the 30th JUNE, 1925. Mr. GEORGE SWINNETT NOBLE TINSON HAS THIS DAY BEEN ADMITTED A Partner in our Firm which will be carried on as heretofore under the Style or Firm Name of JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1925. [2371]

NOTICE

AS FROM and including the FIRST DAY of JULY, 1925, the Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD MAURICE RAYMOND in the Firm of MOXON & TAYLOR, Sharebrokers, Has BEEN TERMINATED by mutual consent.
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E. M. RAYMOND.
Dated the 1st day of July, 1925. [2372]

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

WITH reference to the OFFER of New Shares dated the 10th May, 1925 (made to Existing Shareholders of the Company) by the terms of which the sum of \$7.50 per share was to be paid on the 30th June, 1925, and the sum of \$5 on the 30th September, 1925, the Directors have decided (in view of the present condition of affairs) to extend These Dates.
The Date for Payment of the First Instalment of \$7.50 per share is accordingly extended until the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1925, and the Date for Payment of the Second Instalment until the 31st DECEMBER, 1925.
As regards shareholders who take advantage for these extended times the New Shares allotted to them will rank for Dividend as from the 1st OCTOBER, 1925, in respect of half the nominal value thereof and as from the 1st JANUARY, 1926, in respect of the full nominal value thereof.
Any Shareholder who makes payment prior to the due date will be allowed interest at 7 per cent. per annum on the amount paid by him from the date of payment until the due date.
This Notice will not affect those Shareholders who make payment on the original Dates, i.e., as regards the First Instalment on the 30th JUNE and as regards the Second Instalment on the 30th SEPTEMBER. The Shares to be allotted to them will in accordance with the original terms of the offer rank for Dividend on One-half the nominal value as from the 1st JULY, 1925, and on the Full nominal value as from the 1st OCTOBER, 1925.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Managing Director.
[2361]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO loaded into this Company's Godowns during the present Unsettled State of Affairs are hereby Notified that all Cargo remaining in Godown after Expiry of the Free Storage Period will be subject to ALL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES incurred in connection therewith.
F. H. GRAFFINELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, July 1st, 1925. [2388]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "EGREMONT CASTLE" FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Standard Oil Co.'s Godowns at Kennedy Town, whence and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 6th July, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 6th July, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th July at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOWLING.
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Hongkong, 30th June, 1925. [2303]

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HOW LONG?

It is suggested by some that "the strike" is likely to last several months. We are inclined to take a more optimistic view. The Canton Government, and the strike agitators, have done their worst. There may be a few more men who can be forced out of their employment but whether they go or whether they stay matters little. In some quarters, indeed, the hope is quite sincerely expressed that they will go; that there will be a thorough sweep made of all the frightened elements in the community so that we may be left with a clean field upon which to build up once again, and in a more stable fashion, our commercial and social organisations. Trade is seriously affected. There is no use in trying to shut our eyes to that fact, but the losses caused by such a disturbance as the present one are not comparable to the losses during a "slump" period. It is when prices fall with a headlong precipitancy that firms suffer. Now, even if trade was entirely cut off, which it is not, the European houses, forsaken by their Chinese staffs, would simply have to make arrangements to meet their overhead expenses. These, in the majority of cases, are not large. At any rate they can be estimated with absolute accuracy and with firms employing not more than four or five Europeans a sum of \$30,000 to \$50,000 would probably see them through the trouble even if it lasted for six months.

But that is painting the picture in its blackest colours. Reference is made to such a state of affairs simply to show how hopeless and absurd is the idea, apparently held by the Canton Government, that by the simple expedient of frightening our workers and declaring a general strike they can bring us to our knees in the course of a few weeks. As things are at present—and as we have said the Canton Government has shot its bolt and can do no more—trade is moving, slowly and sluggishly, it may be, but still moving. Moreover, it has now reached its lowest ebb. Every day, as we continue to improve our local arrangements it must get a little better. The Canton market may be closed to us, but Hongkong does not depend entirely on Canton. There are the needs of our own Colony, the Philippines, Formosa and the Coast Ports to be considered. A number of boats are held up temporarily but every day vessels are being entered and cleared. Business has been crippled but not killed, and Canton will soon have to realise that it is quite beyond its power to administer the death blow.

Now what of the position in Canton? The Government there are feeding, or they ought to be feeding, between one hundred and fifty thousand and two hundred thousand Hongkong people. Very soon, they will have still more applicants for their "free rice" as we are glad to notice that the Police have now been empowered to deport immediately any person found to have no regular employment in the Colony. Even a rich and stable Government could not maintain this procedure for many weeks, and the Canton Government is neither rich nor firmly seated in power. It has been in existence for a few days only and already there are rumours of a split within its ranks. These rumours may not be true and we do not attach much importance to them. We base our view of the ultimate outcome upon the fact that the position in which the Canton Government has placed itself is an absolutely impossible one for any Government in this world to maintain. Something approaching a quarter of a million people cannot be cowed into submission indefinitely. When the cost of food in Canton rises still higher what will the normal population say to this huge band of idlers in their midst? Unless they are cleared out there will unquestionably be rioting.

That the spirit of unrest is even now manifesting itself is proved by the fact that the head of the Government—WU HON MAN—was shot at and wounded a few days ago. Several military leaders in the vicinity are said to be waiting the opportunity to revolt, and then there is always the menace of the Yunnanese who are still around Canton in considerable numbers. In addition to all these factors tending towards a quick settlement, the latest report is that plague has broken out in the City.

If we had to wait upon Peking or for action by the Great Powers to settle the Hongkong disturbances we would agree that it might be months before we were able to return to ordinary routine. The Governor of this Colony reports to the Colonial Office. The Colonial Office confers with the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs will cable to Peking. We anticipate that affairs in Canton City itself will come to a head before such negotiations are completed or any definite policy settled. The Canton Government have attempted a task of a magnitude altogether beyond their power to handle. They have been playing foolishly and criminally with forces which they cannot control, and we think it will not be long before they find this out for themselves to their bitter cost. This is why we believe the Hongkong Strike will be a question of weeks only and not months.

At the P.W.D. offices yesterday Aberdeen Inland Lot, No. 97, was sold to the Aberdeen Motor Bus Company at the upset price of \$13,530. The annual Crown Rent is \$32, and the property comprises 13,530 square feet.

No cases of notifiable diseases were reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on July 3rd. The 48 hours ended on July 5th also show a nil return.

An elderly Chinese was drowned in a mill at Shaikwan West during the week-end. The deceased went there to wash clothes and was carried away by the current after he had missed his footing and dropped into the drain. His dead body was recovered.

While walking in the Public Square, near Temple Street, Yaumati, on Sunday night, Mrs. Carlisle, of No. 8, Tung Hing Road, was stopped by a man who threw a paper containing pepper in her face and partially blinded her for the time. He stole her bag valued at \$8, which contained a \$1 note and a pair of spectacles valued at \$12.

A band of Maryknoll missionaries arrived on board U.S.S. *Simpson* from Yung Kong on Sunday night. They were Fathers Ford, Drought and Gleason and Sisters Magdalen, Rose, Dolores, Monica, Lourdes, and Matthews. Fathers Gleason and Drought were the two priests who went ashore from the *Stanley* a few days ago and failed to return.

Eighteen men and women appeared before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with cutting down trees wholesale on the hillside above the University, and 16 were fined \$10 each, or two weeks' hard labour. Another, a small boy, was fined \$5 or one week, and another defendant forfeited her bail for not appearing in the Court.

COST OF LIVING IN CANTON.
OVER 1,000 CHINESE RETURNED YESTERDAY.

There is little authentic news from Canton, but plenty of rumours.

Some of these rumours, started for the most part by passengers from the Kwangtung Capital, may be discounted, but they all tend the same way which is to show that things are not so pleasant as they might be in that City.

It is stated that several military leaders are showing open discontent with the present position of affairs. That may or may not be so, but certainly the cost of food in Canton is rising rapidly. That is an established fact and it will soon bring discontent and rioting in its train. There seems little doubt that on the 1st inst., a definite attempt was made upon the life of Wu Hon Man, the leader of the Government. It is suggested that his assailants were Yunnanese.

RIVER TRAFFIC.

Over a thousand Chinese passengers arrived from Canton on the *Charles Harcourt* and *Tung On* yesterday afternoon, this being the largest number which has come from there in one day since the strike began in Hongkong.

Two American lady missionaries and five Europeans from the Shamen were amongst the passengers on the *Tung On*. The American ladies were stationed at Mei Wah, and the American Consul sent a boat up the river to convey them to Canton.

ALL CHEERFUL ON SHAMEN.

One of the European passengers who was interviewed by a *Daily Press* representative, said that all was quiet in Canton but the people were being disillusioned, since the price of their staple food, rice, had increased considerably. People in the Shamen, numbering a hundred, including two ladies, were cheerful, he said. The Shamen is now well fortified and any attack could be easily repulsed. There is no communication between the Shamen and the City, but the shops on the Bund and the offices of the Chinese Maritime Customs are open.

Our informant further stated that the late Dr. Sun's old flagship, the *Wing Fung* (now called the *Chung San*) and three boats of the mosquito fleet are stationed at the Bocca Tigris forts. He was firmly of the opinion that the eventual outcome of the trouble would be the ousting of the Reds by the moderates in the Canton Government.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following typhoon warnings have been received by the U.S. Consulate-General by cable from the Manila Observatory:—

Received 11 a.m., July 5th.—Typhoon in about 135° Long. E. and 17° Lat. N., moving N.W.

Received 8 a.m., July 6th.—Cyclone or typhoon, Pacific Ocean, about halfway between the Mariana Islands and Luzon, inclining Westward.

Received 1.15 p.m., July 6th, Cyclone or typhoon E. of Luzon, more than 300 miles distant, moving W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLEAR OUT THE UNDESIRABLES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR—Since a state of emergency has been declared, and as intimidation is still rife, it is hoped that the Authorities will take immediate steps to put an end to the present "reign of terror" amongst the Chinese population of this Colony. We must combat these "terrorists" relentlessly and pursue them into their dens.

All low-class restaurants and shops which have closed their doors should be nailed up and carefully watched by detectives and police patrols. No idlers should be allowed to occupy or sleep in such places.

All hawkers' stalls in side lanes and alleyways should be immediately removed, as they provide innocent-looking meeting places (day and night) for the secret-society men of the labour unions.

Many of the so-called Unions are nothing better than secret societies, and this is why the "heads" are able to terrorise the whole Chinese population of the Colony by written threats issued under the instructions of the parent society at Canton. All such unions should be rigorously suppressed by the Government. Police patrols should see that all streets and lanes are kept free from obstructions and suspicious loiterers.

All suspicious loiterers and idlers found watching trams and spying at street corners and under verandahs should be immediately searched, and those unable satisfactorily to account for their presence in the Colony should be deported. We don't want loiterers and useless food-consumers in our midst, at present. All must work or leave the Colony.

Any person who is on a business errand, at this time of the day, has no time to loiter. There is no excuse whatever for loitering in the streets. When the streets and lanes have been cleared of pastry and macaroni stalls, etc., and street loafers, our comrades, merchants and wage-earners will be able to move about in safety and freedom from threats. Restore the confidence of the people, and the rest will be easy.

And, finally, in the event of the "strike" continuing, it will be necessary to make a house to house inspection and comb out the undesirable (men and women).

Anti-Bolsheviks are already at work in Canton. Let us hope that the tide is turning and that this is the beginning of the end of Bolshevik misrule in South China.—Yours faithfully,

Hongkong, July 6th, 1925.

[Ed. Note: The Governor-in-Council has now given the Police power to deport any person who has no employment in the Colony.]

STRIKE PAY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR—When I read in your columns that part of the resolution passed by the Kowloon Residents' Association in regard to payment of wages for the days in June during which the servants had worked, I rubbed my eyes and read it again to make sure that my eyes had not played me false. Yes, there it was, as plain as can be "such payment to be spread over a probationary period of at least one week." Ye gods! We know well that the boys are not justly entitled to any wages at all—having broken their contract—and we sternly say "No, boy, I cannot pay you your wages to-day; you have forfeited them by striking, but I will pay you in seven days' time."

The K.R.A., I presume, are acting upon the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce's recent recommendation. It might be as well therefore if they were to get in touch with that body, when they would, I think, be informed that the "probationary period" the Chamber had in mind was from six to eight months! So that the final payment might fall somewhere about China New Year. What on earth is the use of one week? You might just as well pay the boys on the day of their return for all the hold over them that such a course would give you.—Yours truly,

PEAK RESIDENT.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

OFFICIAL FRENCH COMMUNIQUE.

Paris, July 6th.

A War Ministry communiqué referring to "pessimistic reports on recent military events in Eastern Morocco in the direction of Taza," says that "certain loyal tribes partly failed in opening a breach in the first line of defence, through which the Rif passed and attacked our regular troops, who are now taking up the best positions to repel the enemy. Public opinion must not be disturbed by these inevitable episodes in colonial warfare." The communiqué refers to the difficulties of the French forces, owing to the improvement in the enemy's numbers, equipment, and tactics compared with ten years ago, and adds: "Their attacks are more frequent, and better co-ordinated on a wider front. They are constructing trenches, dug-outs, and barbed wire entanglements, whereas the tactics of modern armies, concentrating to strike decisive blows, employed too systematically, are bound to result in the disaffection of abandoned loyal tribes, with a consequent infiltration of enemy contingents. We must not be surprised or alarmed if, on a vast front difficulties should lead locally to retreats, regroupings, and 'concentrations' of our forces that, however, prepare the way to more vigorous counterblows."

REPORTED PEACE OFFER.

Paris, July 6th.

The newspapers publish interviews with M. Malvy, who is negotiating with the Spanish Government at Madrid, declaring that a complete Franco-Spanish agreement has been established and stating that a peace offer has been drafted and will be offered to Abd El Krim when the French Government has concurred in the details.

According to "Le Journal" Madrid correspondent, under the peace offer to Abd El Krim the Rif will be assured full freedom for development under the nominal sovereignty of the Sultan of Morocco within frontiers still to be determined.

Some surrenders of arms will be demanded as a symbolic act, but not the surrender of the whole of Abd El Krim's war material.

The terms, however, do not correspond with Abd El Krim's demands.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN.

Paris, July 6th.

That protracted Franco-German commercial negotiations have broken down is attributed to the fact that both countries are about to introduce new Protectionist tariffs and that it is impossible to conclude a permanent convention until these are passed by Parliament.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE SOVIET WARNED.

EX-CABINET MINISTER'S PLAIN SPEECH.

London, July 6th.

The Earl of Crawford, an ex-Cabinet Minister, speaking at Gillingham, said that the time had come for the British Government to give a clear and unmistakable warning to Russia that the continued organisation of anti-British attacks in China, India and elsewhere would result in the breaking off of Anglo-Russian diplomatic relations. Britain was tired of these underhand and underground attacks and was determined to end them.

SOVIET-POLISH FRONTIER.

NOTE FROM MOSCOW ON RECENT INCIDENT.

Moscow, July 6th.

M. Chicherin has sent the Polish Minister a note protesting against the incidents on the Polish-Soviet frontier and demanding immediate measures on the part of the Polish Government to secure real inviolability of the frontier. He also requests the formation of a mixed commission to investigate the incidents, the Soviet reserving the right to claim indemnity for any damage done during the alleged attack.

Warrior in reference to the incidents referred to above says the Soviet patrol kidnapped a Polish lieutenant who was engaged on a tour of inspection, and two of his brother officers burned the Russian frontier post as a form of reprisal. Both are to be punished and as the Soviet protest is couched in moderate terms no serious consequences are anticipated.

EARLIER CABLES.

AMUNDSEN BACK.

PRESENTED WITH MEDAL OF HIGH DISTINCTION.

Oslo, July 6th.

Captain Amundsen and his companions arrived to-day by air from Horten and were accorded a most enthusiastic welcome. The Polar fliers' aeroplane was escorted to Oslo by five army and five navy aeroplanes, all of which descended into the harbour to the accompaniment of salutes from the fortress, Norwegian cruisers, and vessels of the British Naval Squadron at present visiting the port. All steamers in the harbour blew their sirens and the people on board and the crowds ashore cheered lustily. The streets of the city had been gaily decorated, and the Amundsen party were given a cordial reception by the President of the Storting and the Chairman of the Oslo Municipality. The aviators subsequently drove to the Palace where the King of Norway presented to Amundsen the gold medal "For Patriotic Deeds." The medal is one of the highest distinction and is held by only two living persons. Other members of the party were decorated with the Order of St. Olav.

THE WASHINGTON TREATIES.

Paris, July 6th.

The *Times* understands that Parliament will debate the ratification of the Washington Treaties in the early part of this week.

EARLIER CABLES.

DANCE CLUB TRAGEDY.

VOICES THAT "BECAME SILENT."

Boston, July 6th.

While over one hundred persons were participating in the Fourth of July celebrations at the Pickwick Club early in the morning and while the orchestra was playing dance music, the wall of the five-story building weakened by adjacent excavations crashed down on the dance floor entraping the dancers between the floor and the fallen metal ceiling work. Rescue was most difficult, necessitating the removal of the front wall which threatened to collapse, in addition to the debris. Up to the present twelve dead have been brought out after an all night and all day search.

Voices, chiefly women's, were heard calling for help from the debris early in the morning, but became silent later.

LATEST CABLES.

Boston, July 6th.

Twenty-four bodies have so far been recovered from the Pickwick Club.

LATER.

Thirty-nine bodies have now been recovered from the debris at the Pickwick Club, including that of Police Inspector Alexander—who is believed to have been searching for a criminal in the club when the building collapsed.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

Havana, July 6th.

Spain has eliminated Cuba from the Davis Cup winning the Singles by two matches and the Doubles by one match.

U.S. DEFENCE FORCES.

Washington, July 6th.

Reports received to date from the War Department indicate that the test muster of the Defence Forces yesterday was only two-thirds as great as in September last. Nevertheless the results are considered satisfactory.

EARLIER CABLES.

MANIZALES DESTROYED.

New York, July 6th.

It is reported that the city of Manizales, in Colombia, has been destroyed by fire.

"INACCURATE."

New York, July 6th.

The reported destruction of Manizales is inaccurate.

U.S. ATHLETE.

CREATES NEW HURDLES RECORD.

San Francisco, July 6th.

F. H. Taylor, of the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago, broke the world's record for the 440 yards hurdle race by doing 23.45 seconds, at the National American Athletic Union senior championship meeting.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

UNREST IN THE NORTH.

FAMOUS PAPER'S WARNING TO AMERICA.

London, July 6th.

The United States "well-meaning suggestion" to reform immediately extra-territorial rights in China is the theme of a long leader in the *Daily Telegraph*, which declares that by doing so at the present hazardous moment the United States would be assuredly regarded by Japan as having at last thrown down the gauntlet.

The paper points out that of all the Foreign residents with interests in China the Japanese would not only suffer most by a modification of extra-territorial rights but in the present mood of the Chinese, the Japanese would be so patently menaced that, pacific as its present intentions are, Tokyo would be persuaded by the mere instinct of self-preservation to take immediate action.

The editorial adds that side by side with the anti-foreign movement, the next few months will see the development in Manchuria of a fierce triangular struggle between Chang Tso Lin, Japan, and Red Russia. Unless Chang, with or without outside assistance, is able to enforce a definite limit to the continual penetration of Russia "the Island Kingdom must intervene."

The paper ends by saying that if to this necessity is added an attempt by the United States to weaken the guarantees which Japan now enjoys in China, there can be only one end to the affair.

CHINESE TREATIES.

Paris, July 6th.

It is understood that the two Nine-Power Treaties, relating to China, will be submitted to the French Parliament for ratification early this week.

FRACAS AT COTTON MILL.

On Saturday night, a Municipal constable arrested a Chinese who had been firing crackers in the street. He detained the prisoner in a cotton-mill compound pending the arrival of the police.

Hundreds of Chinese gathered in front of the mill, where they were addressed by two agitators, who urged them to attack the mill. The constable arrested one of the agitators, who struggled and attempted to seize the constable's revolver.

Other Chinese rushed up, while the cotton-mill employees went to the constable's assistance. An American seaman, named Dix, belonging to the U.S.S. *Mc Leish* came on the scene and, seeing that the situation was critical, fired, shooting through the head a Chinese who was about to jump upon the constable from behind. The crowd then dispersed.

The two agitators were arrested and will appear in the Mixed Court today. The wounded Chinese died last night. Two foreign onlookers from the mill state that the American's action averted a serious situation.

CHUNGKING UNSETTLED.

Peking, July 6th.

The appears to be no possibility of the Chinese and Foreign delegates meeting to-day. It is stated in Chinese circles, as a solution of the present difficulty, that the Shanghai issue should be negotiated through the Waichiaoou with the assistance of three delegates.

A message from Chungking states that the situation is somewhat unsettled. Yang Sen is reported to have wired to the Government offering to occupy the city, if the defeated generals who have fallen back on Chungking are unable to keep order. Despite the efforts of the latter to prevent this eventuality, there have been some disturbances.

Two nights ago, during a demonstration round the Foreign compound, a demonstrator was wounded by a Chinese gendarme's bayonet. This is stated to have been more or less accidental, but has aroused strong feeling.

DOSSERS' TRIAL CONTINUED.

RUSSIANS GIVE EVIDENCE.

Shanghai, July 6th.

The evidence in the Dossier case was continued this morning. Two Russians, Detective Bebenim and Constable Kedrolizansky, who accompanied a British detective to arrest the accused couple, described the finding of incriminating documents, with special regard to a certificate from the Soviet Agitation Department.

Cross-examined, Bebenim admitted that he once worked for the Bolsheviks at Vladivostok, but denied that when sent on a Soviet mission from Vladivostok, he embezzled Soviet funds. He, however, admitted being sent on such a mission. Kedrolizansky admitted that before joining the Municipal Police in Shanghai he was an officer in the White Russian Army at Vladivostok, also that he was formerly a political enemy of the Bolsheviks, who imprisoned him at Vladivostok. He was only released when the Japanese took over the port.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

MR. MACMURRAY.

LEAVES FOR TIENTSIN.

Shanghai, July 6th.

Mr. MacMurray, the newly-appointed U.S. Minister to China, left Shanghai this afternoon on an American gunboat. He is expected to arrive in Tientsin to-morrow afternoon.

RUSSIAN AVIATORS.

ARRIVE AT URGU.

Moscow, July 6th.

The aeroplane expedition from Moscow to China has arrived at Urgu.

ELECTROCUTED IN MID-AIR.

STRANGE DEATH IN PLANE.

WIRELESS MAN'S HEAD ON FIRE.

While engaged in wireless tests in a machine flown by an officer, Flight-Sergeant Frank Lowry, stationed at the Andover Aerodrome of the R.A.F., was electrocuted. The theory is that he was killed by a current of atmospheric electricity. Lowry was aged 37, married, and lived at Abbott's Ann, Hampshire. The accident happened on May 28th and at the inquest Flying-Officer Cecil Nicholls stated that Lowry when he saw him later on the ground, was markedly jaundiced (skin coloured violet or bluish, sometimes called blue jaundice), and there were marks on his right foot and head. Death was due to shock following the passage of an electric current through his body.

BURNING RUBBER SMELL.

Pilot Officer John Kenneth Smith said he went up with Lowry in a Fairey-Swan machine to carry out a wireless test. Lowry had examined the wireless apparatus, which he had installed in the machine himself. They had been flying for about 15 minutes when he noticed a small as of burning rubber. He looked round and noticed smoke coming from the back cockpit, where Lowry was. "I throttled down my engine," he proceeded, "to speak to Lowry. I could not get an answer. I suspected some thing was wrong, and I pulled off the phones and helmet. I then saw that his head was burning. I then leaped over to pull him from the machine. As I did so he collapsed into the bottom of the cockpit. When I pulled him I got no shock myself, I saw no flash, and I heard no sound.

"Smoke was coming from him most of the time, and it seemed as if there was a continuous current going through him. I turned the machine and landed straight away."

ATMOSPHERIC THEORY.

Flight-Lieut. Cyril Norman Ellen, the wireless officer of the station, said he examined the machine but could find nothing wrong. There was nothing in the machine likely to kill a man. His theory was that Lowry must have come into contact with an electric current in the air.

There was a burn on the machine where Lowry's right foot would have been, but there was no trace of fusing. He could only conclude that the cause of the death was atmospheric. He had never heard of a man being killed before by atmospheric electricity. They were receiving signals from the machine when they suddenly stopped.

The jury asked the coroner to adjourn the inquiry until the R.A.F. staff had completed their examinations of the apparatus and carried out tests.

A wild Manchurian tiger saved two Russians from Chinese bandits near the station of Maulin on the Chinese Eastern Railway recently. The men were seized by the notorious Hungtutze when cutting firewood. They were being taken to the bandits' stronghold when one of the enormous tigers for which the region is noted sprang out of the underbrush. The Hungtutze fled and the tiger followed, giving the prisoners opportunity to escape. The tiger is said to have struck down one of the bandits. His discrimination was really wonderful.

SCOTTISH LETTER

COMMUNISTS IN GLASGOW.

RED PLANS TO SMASH THE EMPIRE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, June 2nd.

The refusal of the Home Office to admit foreign Communist delegates to this country has perhaps given undue prominence to the Communist Congress held in Glasgow. The presence of Continental comrades might have added to the gaiety of proceedings which, as it was, were sufficiently ridiculous. A lineal icon of Lenin looked down from the platform upon a scene which was in many ways like a pantomime skit on the revolutionary assemblies of Russia. Absurdity reached a climax when the juvenile spokesman of the "Red Pioneers," a body designed to counteract the "Imperialistic" tendencies of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, piped out a speech embodying the tenets of Communism. A Scout-Comrade, aged twelve, and a Girl-Scout-Comrade, aged about nine, complained that the Greenock Magistrates had not allowed them to parade, and Mr. Saklatvala promised of bring this important matter to the attention of the Home Secretary. Another ceremony was the presentation to the Communists of Great Britain from the Red soldiers of the Seventh (Samaru) Russian Cavalry Division of a banner, emblazoned on which was the statement that they were under Leninism, the "White Terror of capitalism. The speeches at the Congress as a whole differed very little from those generally made by Communist street corner propagandists, and were directed more against the Labour Party than the "capitalists,"—the MacDonalds, the Thomases, and the Clynes being particularly denounced.

The report submitted to the Congress stated that the membership of the Party is about 3,000 and of this number only 65 per cent. are full members. In Glasgow, the membership was increased by 190 during the year, and Clydeside is described as favourable ground for the Party. Fife is the only other Scottish area referred to in the report, which states that notwithstanding the extent of Communism among the miners, the Party organisation has receded during the past two or three years. This retrogression is attributed to the split in the miners' trade union organisation. "The Party membership," the report continues, "is still lamentably small. And this small membership is a very fluid membership. That is to say, a constant stream of workers are coming into the Party, and a constant stream going out." One of the most interesting revelations made during the sittings of the Congress related to an intensive campaign to "bolshieve" the workshops and factories of the country. Already "some small successes" are stated to have been obtained in propaganda among the armed forces, but the new programme is to be one of stark "reality and not drafted for intellectual exercise." In the factories the Party "is now planting its feet firmly, and the whole of their organising work is given a new turn." The "Comrades" made two and frequent use, in their addresses, of "that blessed word ideology." Doubtless the term is intended to impress; the Communist obviously regards it as a fit companion for proletarian, comintern, and other high-sounding terms which are pendents to the Red gospel. But what are the converts to Communism to think of the blessings of ideology when they turn up their dictionary, and find that the definition of the ideologist is "one who is occupied with ideas or ideas that have no real significance or value?"

Another favourite phrase of the speakers was that Communism is a "definite proposition." So, for that matter, is smallpox. Both are due largely to squallid conditions. But these conditions are not to be got rid of by the encouragement of Communism or smallpox. The conditions are to be improved, and are being improved, and simultaneously the diseases must be dealt with by direct remedial and preventive measures, chief among them a vigorous vaccination with the lymph of common sense. The Congress, however, is out for the spread of the disease. India, Egypt, Syria, Ireland, the British Dominions, are to be thoroughly infected with the Red virus. Soviet Russia may extend its kindly rule over Georgia, Turkestan, Karelia, but the British Empire must be broken into little pieces. The Left Wing of Socialism is to be gingered up and the Co-operative movement is to be captured. Above all, the right arm of law and order is to be paralysed by the intensive propaganda in the fighting forces which is interesting to remark, was the main subject of discussion at a private session. What would happen to a Congress in Moscow which should decide on anti-Soviet propaganda

in the Red Army? That question does not seem to have occurred to any of the delegates. They do not realise that the toleration afforded them is a sign of the constitutional soundness of British democracy.

This Communist Conference in Glasgow, were it only evidence of Moscow's power, might be safely ignored, but unfortunately the Bolshevik rot has spread into the Trade Union organisation, which is now in close communion with the Third International. The Soviet is a power within the Empire striving to create an imperium in imperio. No one imagines that Russia could make war on Britain, or by simple military measures disintegrate the Empire. For that enterprise the Bolsheviks are all unfitted; but they can, and do, exercise a subtle and destructive influence by means of propaganda. That seed, sown in the minds of Indian agitators, has worked itself out in conspiracy, as at Cawnpore, and it is the avowed object of Zinoviev to insinuate the power of Moscow in all anti-British movements. There are certain signs of progress in this regard in Britain, the most notable of them being the recent capitulation of the Trade Unions to Moscow. And it was only too apparent during the Socialist Government's tenure of office that the Communist tail sometimes wagged the Socialist dog.

THE CASSET LETTERS.

With something like a flourish of trumpets, announcement has been made that the "Mystery of the Casket Letters" has been solved, by "a Home Office expert in handwriting," Mr. Charles Ainsworth Mitchell. The letters, over which there has been bitter and persistent controversy for more than three centuries, and a half, are pronounced, to be forgeries; and proceeding from general to particular charges against the accusers of Mary Queen of Scots, Mr. Mitchell, who is the author of a book called "The Expert Witness," and has himself borne testimony as to the genuineness, or otherwise, of caligraphy in many cases tried in Court, confidently declares that the forger was the notorious William Maitland of Lethington, Mary's Own Secretary. It is evident that there are issues here that cannot be decided on the more *ipse dixit* even of an "expert witness." An opposite opinion has been given by other expert witnesses. The Casket Letters include eight love letters to Bothwell, twelve love sonnets, a contract of marriage (said to have been signed by Mary and Bothwell) and another contract or obligation in which Mary promised to marry Bothwell. Referring to the promise of marriage Mr. Mitchell says, "A comparison of the writing of the signature with that of genuine signatures of Mary Stuart shows that it cannot be accepted as her writing. The form of the letters, their curves, and their relative heights and positions to the base line, are quite different. Obvious dissimilarities in this and the genuine signature, are in the relative types of the 'M' and the following 'A' and 'K' and the much wider top loop to the 'K' in this signature. Mary also made an 'M' of relatively the same height as the rest of the signature, and the 'R' with very little extension of the upper loop to the left of the line. The text of the contract also differs markedly from Mary's cursive writing. A minute comparison of the modes of formations of the Roman characters to those of Mary's handwriting leads to the conclusion that it was not written by her." There are, obviously two important questions, involved—first, whether the letters, which, as originals or copies, were produced as written by Mary's hand before a Commission of Inquiry at Westminster in December, 1568, were authentic, as then declared, or were in part or whole forgeries; and secondly, whether, if they were forged, the guilty hand was that of Secretary Maitland. The statement that they are "false, feigned, forged, and invented" by the accusers themselves is, of course, not new. They were so described by Mary herself on their earliest production against her; and this has been the general contention of the defenders of the unhappy Queen, ever since, although they have not been in agreement as to whether the letter are altogether false, or whether there has been interpolated into genuine documents passages that give to innocent statements the air of a confession, not only of marital infidelity, but of conspiracy in, and in movement, to be captured. Above all, the right arm of law and order is to be paralysed by the intensive propaganda in the fighting forces which is interesting to remark, was the main subject of discussion at a private session. What would happen to a Congress in Moscow which should decide on anti-Soviet propaganda

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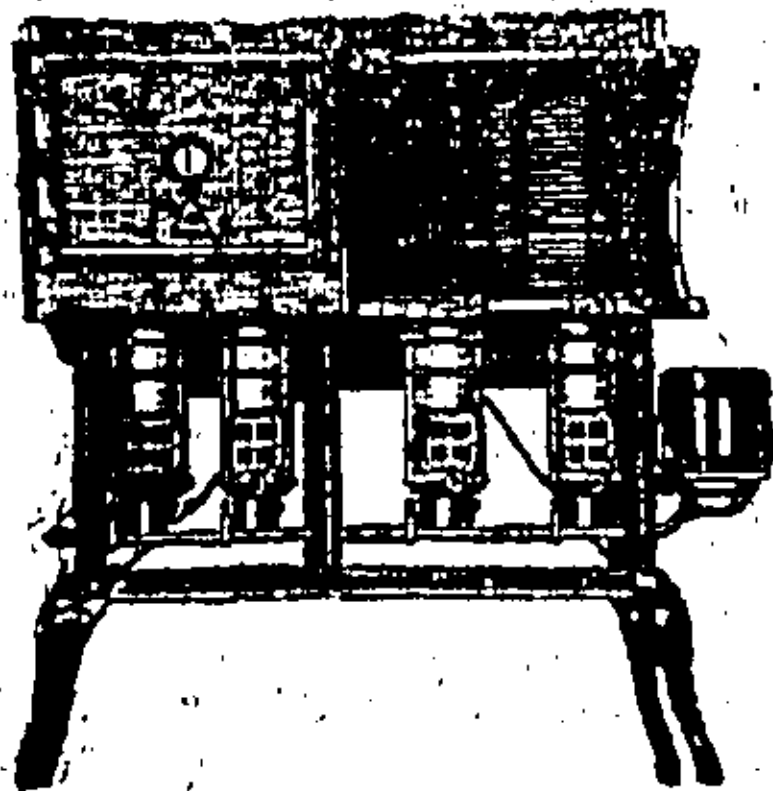
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HARRIS' BEST AND MOST
CONSISTENT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, June 3rd.

In the contest for the Amateur Championship at Westward Ho! Mr. Harris was undoubtedly the best golfer. Nobody was so consistent. Not in any of the six rounds before the final did he play so indifferently as he did in the second nine holes of the final. But then, at course, the Championship was already virtually won. He was the most polished golfer of them all. Science and generalship characterised his play. There are several holes where a man may indulge his appetite for distance. Mr. Harris in this respect watched well his dietary. He kept playing within himself all the time. He did with less power than he might have employed. There were holes at which one may say that he played his second strokes from so near the same selected and advantageous lies every time that a table cloth might have covered the area at these holes where all his drives finished. He is still true to his dull, uncleaned irons. They never shine in themselves but they certainly did shine in another sense when he applied his expert touch to them. There was distinction in his iron play all the time. Nobody in the field was so accurate. Some great Scottish golfers have held the title since the days of J. E. Laidlay, but the Champion of 1925 takes his place with the best of them. For twenty years and more he has been trying hard, and now he has reached the goal of a great ambition. He was playing before many of last week's competitors were born, though he is not 43 until October. Many a time he has been near it. Two years ago at Deil he impressed everybody by his form and seemed heading straight for victory, but Wethered was also that year in his most brilliant mood, and Harris, though he played golf that would have carried him through almost any other final, went down. Last year he was beaten in the round before the semi-final by the ultimate winner, and this year only one man gave him a real challenge. Mr. Harris, a Dundonian, learned his golf on the wind-swept links at Carnoustie, that remarkable nursery of players which has sent scores of young men to America to teach the golfers of the United States how to beat the Scot and the Englishman at their own game. That there is an advantage in the seaside training has been repeatedly proved in the history of the Amateur Championship. On the other hand, the golfer whose practice is almost entirely confined to inland courses is invariably less well equipped for the more exacting test of the links by the sea, where the great Championships are decided. He has been a tower of strength to Scotland in the post-war internationals, and he represented his country also often before the war. Twice he has captained the British Walker Cup team, and last week he captained for Scotland.

The "discovery" of the Championship was Mr. John Cruickshank, the bank clerk from the Argentine, a native of Scotland. He strode with supreme confidence through the field after being five years out of the country. He was unknown at Westward Ho! but up at Cruden Bay, where he belongs and had been preparing for the Championship, some of his friends had him backed. He should have been a semi-finalist but for a confidence that bordered on the careless when his moment of crisis came. To a man who like Mr. Cruickshank was carrying everything in his stride practically it was an utterly execrable thing to throw it all away in the end with a putt of two feet, less rather than more, at a 19th hole. But this kind of thing is the very breath of match play. If it had not happened Mr. Cruickshank would have put to the test an interesting issue between Mr. Harris and himself.

CRICKET AT INTERVALS.

Wind and rain again spoiled cricket in Scotland. Important matches had to be abandoned, and other were stopped at early stages. Only one Scottish Counties Championship game was on the card, Perthshire meeting Fifeshire. In ordinary club games the form of Perthshire suggested that their sound defence would prevail and give them the victory. This turned out to be the case, J. A. Fergusson in a long drawn out struggle scoring a stylish 53 without being defeated. The renowned Scottish internationalist's well-known versatility has seldom been more pronounced than in this match, as in addition to contributing the highest individual score of the game he successfully bore the brunt of the game in a successful attack. It is a pleasing record, the success of another Scottish internationalist in the game, W. Anderson, of Dundermine. When matters were going badly with Fifeshire, Scotland's fast bowler showed splendid form with the bat, and but for his enterprise the home side would have been got rid of for a very moderate total. As Forfarshire were badly beaten by Carlton at Edinburgh, and as none of the other counties have done anything particularly noteworthy so far, Perthshire, provided they maintain the present good form, would appear to have an excellent chance of gaining Championship honours.

Counties Championship.

Perthshire, 101 for 8; Fifeshire, 87.

Western Union.

Polce, 105 for 6; Kilmarnock, 26.

West, 68 for 1; Greenock, 62.

Other Matches.

Stenhousemuir, 107; Cupar, 60.

Carlton, 61 for 0; Forfarshire, 54.

Loretto, 135; Watson's College, 72.

ATHLETICS.

At the Inter-University meeting at St. Andrews E. H. Liddell won three events, C. H. Johnston two, while two other Scottish champions in A. T. Clark and G. Crawford Kerr were also among the winners. Edinburgh again secured the championship, totalling 43 points. Glasgow took second place with 20 points.

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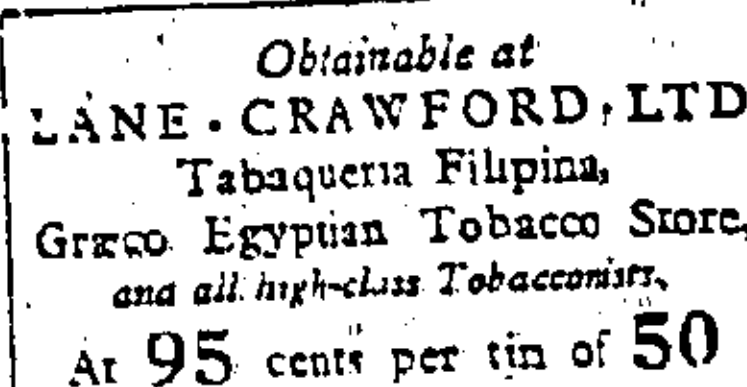
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July 6th.
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Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due July 16th.
Peratus (Blue Funnel), due on or about July 17th.
President Pierce (Dollar), due July 10th.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hongkong Observatory July 6th.

Barometer	Thermometer	Thermometer	Thermometer
at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.
29.65	29.61	29.61	29.61
54	50	50	50
81	83	83	83
W	E	W	E
Force	0	0	0
Weather	OP	C	O
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature on 5th ... 87
 Lowest open-air temperature on 6th ... 59

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From July 7th to 13th, 1923.

Days of Week	Days of Month	Rise Water		Low Water	
		H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.
Tues.	7	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		11 33	4 1	11 33	4 1
Wed.	8	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 7	4 1	10 7	4 1
Thurs.	9	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		9 23	4 1	9 23	4 1
Fri.	10	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 11	4 1	8 11	4 1
Satur.	11	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		7 0	4 1	7 0	4 1
Sun.	12	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		5 48	4 1	5 48	4 1
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"KASHMIR"	8,885	11th July, Noon	Madras, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"LAHORE"	5,283	21st July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"DELTA"	8,087	22nd July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,901	25th July	Marseilles & London.
"ALIPORA"	5,273	1st Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"BOUDAN"	6,688	8th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SIKILIA"	6,813	20th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"NAKUNDA"	10,901	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KHYBER"	8,087	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,087	19th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHMIR"	8,885	3rd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,901	15th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"ALIPORA"	5,273	17th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"BOUDAN"	6,688	29th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	31st Oct.	Marseilles & London.
"SIKILIA"	6,813	14th Nov.	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	28th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NAKUNDA"	10,901	12th Dec.	Marseilles & London.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

"TILAWA"	10,000	14th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAIRA"	7,938	29th July	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,938	14th Aug.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	4,963	2nd Sept.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
"AHAFURA"	4,000	4th Nov.	Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Dec.	
"TANDA"	4,963		

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"TAIRA"	7,938	11th July	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SIKILIA"	6,813	24th July	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKIWA"	7,938	27th July	Kobe.
"KHYBER"	8,087	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	4,963	8th Aug.	Shanghai.
"NAKUNDA"	10,901	21st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,087	21st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	4th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"AHAFURA"	4,000	12th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,901	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BOUDAN"	6,688	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHYBER"	8,087	2nd Oct.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SIKILIA"	6,813	2nd Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANIWA"	10,901	17th Oct.	do.
"DELTA"	8,087	1st Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"TANDA"	4,963	1st Nov.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"AHAFURA"	4,000	28th Nov.	do.
"A STEAMER"	6,688	23rd Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"BOUDAN"	11,089	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	12th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"AHAFURA"	4,000		

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
SARON	Angkor	7th July
SHANGHAI	Angkor	8th July
EUROPE via Negapatam (Papers only)	Angkor	8th July
London, 4th June	Angkor	8th July
EUROPE via Suez Letters & Papers (London, 11th June & Parcel 3rd June)	Angkor	8th July
STRAITS	Angkor	14th July
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Angkor	15th July
JAPAN	Angkor	21st July

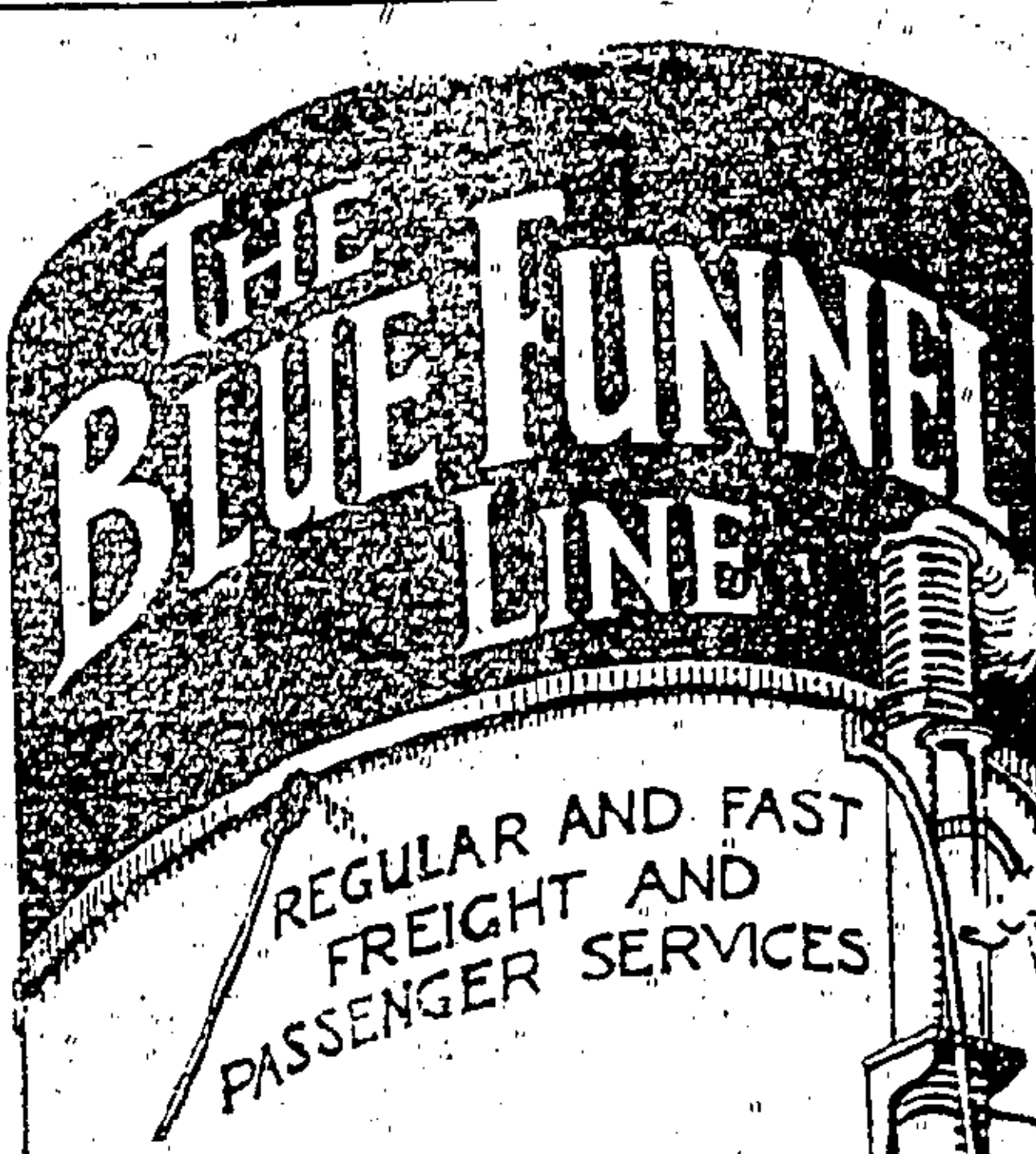
OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & Europe via Victoria, B.C. due Victoria, B.C., 27th July	Angkor	Tuesday, 7th, 10.00 A.M. Registration 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.00 P.M.
*Shanghai and Japan	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Manque, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles-due Marseilles, 17th August	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America and Europe via VANCOUVER, B.C. due Vancouver, 27th July and Europe via Suez (Correspondence specially superimposed "via Suez" only) ship sails at daylight on the 10th inst.	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles-due Marseilles, 9th August	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Japan	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Manque, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles-due Marseilles, 17th August	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Angkor	Thursday, 9th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island-due Thursday Is., 2nd August	Angkor	Wednesday, 2nd, 9.30 A.M. Registration 9.00 A.M.

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Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	8.30 P.M.
Shanghai	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	8.30 P.M.
Hongkong	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	8.30 P.M.
Manila	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	8.30 P.M.
Wanchow	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	8.30 P.M.



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Bank Bills, on demand	100/11 1/2
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Telegraphic Transfer	100/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	100/11 1/2
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Telegraphic Transfer	100/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	100/11 1/2
On Shanghai—	
Bank Bills, at sight	100/11 1/2
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